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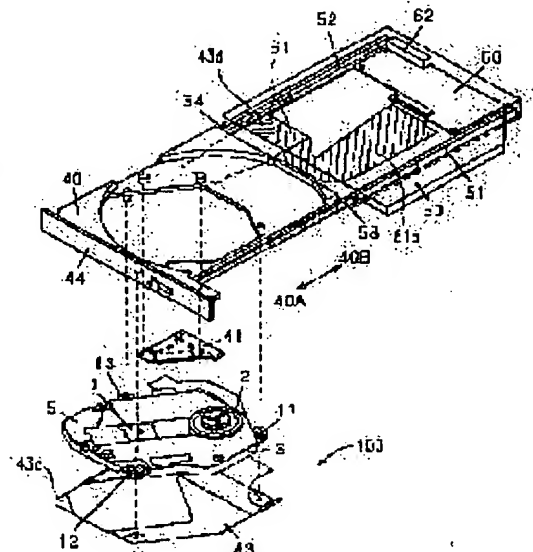
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(54) OPTICAL DISK DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a compact and thin optical disk device mountable even on a notebook-type personal computer.

SOLUTION: This optical disk device 100 is provided with an optical pickup 1 for recording/reproducing a signal in an optical disk 10, a guide body for supporting the optical disk pickup 1 and guiding the movement of the optical pickup 1 in the radial direction of the optical disk 10, an upper cover 9 for protecting the guide body, a lower cover 43 for protecting the same, and a base chassis 3 for supporting the guide body inside. A height between the upper and lower covers 9 and 43 in the outer peripheral side of the optical disk 10 is set higher than that between the upper and lower covers 9 and 43 on the inner peripheral side of the optical disk 10.



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